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SUBJ: CCMS: ENERGY PROJECTS (GEOTHERMAL)

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1. EMBASSY PLEASED NOTE INCLUSION OF MEXICO IN REFTEL B), PARA 3. D., IN VIEW APRIL 4, 1973, INAUGURATION OF 75,000 KW GEOTHERMAL POWER PLANT AT CERRO PRIETO (JUST SOUTH OF MEXICALI)

2. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT PRESENT CERRO PRIETO CAPACITY CONSISTING OF TWO 37,500 KW UNITS TO BE INCREASED BY ADDITION OF TWO LARGER UNITS AT 50,000 EACH, THUS MAKING TOTAL PLANT 175,000 KW. CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULED TO START IN 1974.

3. PRINCIPAL GOM EXPERT IN GEOTHERMAL ENERGY IS ING. JORGE GUIZA, CHIEF, DEPT. OF GEOTHERMIC RESOURCES, CFE, WHO WELL KNOW INTERNATIONALLY, HAS EXCELLENT ENGLISH. ING. JUAN EIBENSCHUTZ, ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CFE, IS EXCELLENT ALL- AROUND ENERGY MAN, SPECIALIST IN NUCLEAR BUT KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT GEOTHERMAL, AS WELL AS

SOLAR ENERGY, ALSO WELL ACQUAINTED INTERNATIONAL CIRCLES. AT PRESENT AAAS/ CONACYT CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND MAN IN THE AMERICAS, DR. EDMUNDO DE ALBA OF CONACYT CHAIRED SESSION ON SOLAR ENERGY.

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4. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS, HOWEVER, THAT MEXICAN PARTICIPATION CCMS PROJECTS WILL BE PROPOSED SUBSEQUENT CCMS OCTOBER MEETING.

5. CONSISTENT WITH PRIOR RECOMMENDATIONS THAT PRESENT BUREAU OF RECLAMATION/ CFE AGREEMENT(PROPOSED DEC. 1971, ACCEPTED JAN 1972) ON GEOTHERMAL ENERGY BE EXPANDED, EMBASSY ENDORSES SCICOUNS RECOM-
MENDATION IN MEMORANDUM TO SIEVERING (SCI) DATED MAY 9, 1973, THAT US SPECIALISTS PLAN DETAILED VISIT TO CERRO PRIETO AND DISCUSSION WITH GOM AUTHORITIES AT EARLY OPPORTUNITY. CONSIDERATION COULD BE GIVEN TO SUCH A VISIT BY US TEAM AFTER NATO COUNTRY PLANT INSPECTIONS.

6. DEPARTMENT WILL WISH GIVE CONSIDERATION ABOVE POINTS IN CONNECTION WITH EMBASSY REPLY (IN PREPARATION) TO REFTEL D.
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